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THE SOLUTION.

The problem of the high cost of living, or the cost of high living, has long been with us. It has puzzled some of our best students of economics and sent some of our housewives to the English house and in general has enraged without avail the greatest minds of our country.

The state auditor we believe has hit upon the real solution of the problem; or perhaps it should be said that the state auditor has put the idea into effect. The scheme is simply to reduce salaries, thus forcing the state officials, to whom the Commonweal looks for an example, to reduce their living expenses within a reasonable amount and demonstrate that the high cost of living is entirely an artificial proposition.

Conditions for this demonstration are now especially favorable by reason of the fact that there is only money enough coming in to pay the state officials about seventy per cent of their salaries. During the last few months they have been receiving the minuscule proportion of seventy-five per cent; but this has not been sufficiently small to induce them to cut out such unnecessary luxuries as solo, ping-pong, idly winks, and other amusements in vogue in the extravagant capital of our state.

As a matter of fact, the county officials have for some time, many of them, been giving an interesting demonstration of how to live reasonably on nothing a month—some of them on half that sum; but the effect is not the same as having the object lesson furnished by the state officials, owing to their greater prominence and natural tendency toward more luxurious habits.

HE ISN'T A PIRATE.

Governor McDonald, in a telegram to the Wall Street Journal, declared that the financial condition of New Mexico was "first class." "A few political pirates desire a sensation," said the governor, "but they will fail."

Now comes the state auditor and says that the state will be able to pay state officials only seventy per cent of their salary during the coming year.

By inference the auditor tells us that the financial condition of the state is pink.

We sincerely hope that the governor would not be so us infer that the auditor is a political pirate, in search of a "sensation." We are positive, in fact, that the governor will not make such a charge. Of course, it is to be expected that no two state officials will agree on any one subject; this has been demonstrated by the attorney general, who says we shall not be penalized for failure to pay taxes that the treasurer isn't ready to accept, and the traveling auditor, who says we must pay the penalty whether we are allowed to pay the taxes or not.

But even such diversity of conviction should not lead any state official to call another a pirate; and we are confident we shall hear soon that the governor has exempted Mr. Sargent from the implication.

A SPLENDID PROGRAM.

The program of activity mapped out by the good roads association at its meeting this week was a fine one and if the association follows closely along the lines indicated it may be expected to enlist more popular support during the coming year. It has always deserved this support from the business men, who are directly interested in everything which helps bring better roads; but the fact remains that it has not secured it. The program for the year is planned with the special aim of getting the business man actively interested in practical road building and road reformation; and we believe the business man will come across.

Three of the recommendations made are of special importance: a set program for every meeting, constant dragging of all roads and two good roads days during the year.

The success of the first good roads day—considering that it was the first attempt—was remarkable, not only in the results attained on the road but in the awakening of civic enthusiasm for the work.

SMOKE COST IS MILLIONS.

Experts figure that Pittsburgh's yearly coal emissions would make a pile 100 feet in diameter and 600 feet high, or larger than the Washington monument. The smoke waste and damage are estimated at \$12,000,000 a year.

Sample tests made some time ago in Chicago of the cost of the smoke nuisance in that city showed that the smudge hill exceeded the tax bill, which was about \$48,000,000 a year, and the cost of smoke in other cities fully as great in proportion to the size of the city.

This includes only the injury to property. Doctors will tell you that the least damage. They will point out how the smoke gets into the throat and lungs and injures the health, causing chronic ailments which diminish the happiness and shorten the life of those who are not responsible for the smoke evil.

The old saying is, "Much smoke, much business"—and we need the business. But the progressive engineer of today will tell you that most smoke can be avoided. It indicates incomplete combustion, which means waste of coal, extra expense in labor and equipment, damage to property, sickness and loss of life.

AS USUAL.

The Grand Old Party shows signs of a real regeneration. There is every reason to believe that history will repeat itself and that the "chastening" of Democratic defeat, to which Mr. Allen is so touchingly referred at the Progressives' meeting, is going to have its usual wholesome effect. The periodical licks has always renovated and strengthened the Republican party; and the sarcastic predictions of the Bull Moose will hardly avail to stem the tide of those returning to the old. Mr. Allen's satirical reference to Prendergast, who has lost his Progressive enthusiasm after landing a job, only serves to shed light on the motives of many who cast their political fortunes with the Colonel.

"We're American citizens," shouted a voice from the gallery when the speaker sought to suppress applause in the house the other day during the Hobson-Underwood tilt. Hard to believe, if true, American citizens usually observe the bounds of propriety as well as parliamentary rules.

"Teaching of Chemistry at the New Mexico Normal University" is the title of an interesting bulletin published by that institution, the work of John C. Baker, professor of science. It is an interesting and valuable contribution to the educational literature of the state.

The world is coming to an end in fifteen million years, prognosticates a University of Pennsylvania star gazet. That ought to give us time to have our little fling before preparing for the wrath to come.

Senator Hitchcock is the most consistent Democrat in the senate. He is so consistent, in fact, that he has about talked himself into Inc. G. O. P.

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• An Educational Directory
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The "Educational Directory" for the year 1913-14, containing lists of state school officers, city school superintendents in all cities and towns in the state, county, township, and district superintendents; presidents of colleges and universities; principals of normal schools; summer school directors; educational associations, etc., has just been issued for free distribution by the United States Bureau of Education. The directors, a total of 100 pages, contain all changes reported to the bureau November 1, 1912, and provide the latest available information with regard to school officers and school agencies.

The list of city school superintendents gives the name of the officer, his term of office, date of original appointment, date when his present term expires, and his salary he receives. In the case of the county, township, and district superintendents, etc., the name of the official and his salary are given.

Many new features appear in this year's directory. With the various state superintendents are given the state superintendents of rural schools, inspectors of high schools, and other state school officers. There is a list of officers of state boards of education, officers of state library commissions, state departments of education, and delegates; president of department of schools of theology, in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine. Whether a college is "coed" or not is carefully indicated.

Schools for the blind and schools for the deaf are represented by the name of the superintendent. There is a list of schools for the feeble-minded, director of schools of health, and director of missions. The list of summer school directors contains the probable date of the 1914 session.

To the list of educational associations is added that of boards of foundations and church educational boards and societies. Superintendents of Catholic parochial schools are listed, as are also Jewish educational organizations; international associations of education; meetings of state teachers' associations; mother's congress; and state federations of women's clubs. A list of educational periodicals is appended.

Bumped Up Against the Real Thing. "I think I have learned up to the real thing in Chambord's 'Tables,'" writes D. H. Thomas, of Toluca, Mex. "They do the work and cause no unpleasant reaction." In cases of constipation when pills and enemas failed to yield any constipation, as they make so much waste in the system. On the other hand the effect of Chamberlain's Tablets is so agreeable and so natural that you do not realize that it has been produced by a medicine, and no reaction follows their use. For sale by all druggists.

International Healing Powder for wounds; 25c boxes, 15c. E. W. Fife.

JABS In the Solar Plexus.**DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER**

A pure, healthful, Cream of Tartar Baking Powder

When buying an article of food you are entitled to know exactly what you are buying—it's quality and ingredients.

If this information is refused don't buy it.

Some of the low grade baking powders are advertised, but the ingredients of the powders are scrupulously concealed.

A housekeeper would not use a baking powder containing alum if she knew it.

It is well when buying to examine the label on the can. Unless it shows the ingredient cream of tartar, don't buy it.

Dr. Price's baking powder is absolutely free from alum.

ASSESSORS AND COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION

Chief County and Tax Officers Meeting in Capital Today in Effort to Find Where They Are At.

UGLY CHARGE AGAINST FEDERAL WITNESS IN FUEL CASES

By Leased Wire to Evening Herald

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—David G. Powers, one of the chief witnesses for the government in the prosecution of the directors and officers of the Western Fuel company, was assigned to testify today before an informer sitting in the grand jury.

No witness was present during the opening session other than a deputy who met this morning at 9:30.

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